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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL: MILITARY REVOLT

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There is still no known confrontation between government forces and the still unidentified rebel units which participated in an uprising in Lisbon early this morning, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but the rebels have announced the "surrender" of the Caetano government.

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The rebel group, calling itself the "Armed Forces Movement," continues to broadcast on a radio station with a call to the police and paramilitary units not to oppose the movement of liberation from the regime which has long dominated the country. Earlier the group had distributed leaflets demanding a revision of Portuguese colonial policies in Africa.

Troops took over various government buildings, according to

Agence France Presse and distributed leaflets stating they would

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set up a National Junta of Salvation to rule Portugal.

The state supported news agency has acknowledged that a military uprising has occurred.

According to latest press reports the insurgents announced at midmorning that they were nearly in complete control of the situation and claimed that they were having talks with the defense minister, General Addrade Silva Cunha. They also announced the formation of a provisional government.

The government troops dispersed a similar protest by some dissident military last month from supporters of General Spinola who protested his dismissal. It is not yet clear if this group will have more success.